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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENTS:

CONSOLIDATED WORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Nemorus Building, Suite 1410
1007 Orange Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Docket No. <u>2008-035</u> 4

Enf. Case No. <u>2134</u>

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COMES NOW, D. Kent Michie, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Utah, and in support of the following states:

JURISDICTION

That D. Kent Michie is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Utah and is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Utah Insurance Code, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, §§ 31A-2-201 and 31A-1-105(2).

Based upon information in the files of the Insurance Department the Commissioner enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Consolidated Workers of America, Inc. ("CWA") is a corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia on June 7, 2007, and also organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on June 21, 2007, and doing business from the State of Delaware. Respondent CWA is not authorized to do an insurance business in the State of Utah or in any other jurisdiction in the United States of America.
- 2. Respondent Walter R. Cecchini, Jr. is a resident of the State of Florida and is the owner, president and sole director of Respondent CWA, and is not licensed to sell insurance in the State of Utah.
- 3. Respondent Claims & Benefit Management, Inc. ("CBM") is a California corporation and licensed as a third-party administrator in that state, but is not licensed to do business in the State of Utah.
- 4. Respondent Brad Wessler is a resident of the State of California and is president of Respondent CBM. Respondent Wessler is not licensed in any capacity by the Utah Insurance Department.
- 5. Respondents CWA and Cecchini market memberships in CWA through a web site and other means to individuals located throughout the United States of America, including to residents of the State of Utah.
- 6. Membership in Respondent CWA includes a medical benefit plan that it claims is not insurance. The medical plans provide limited specified dollar benefits to members for hospitalization, surgical procedures and doctor visits.
- 7. The "membership fees" charged by Respondent CWA to its members varies depending on whether the membership covers an individual, a married couple or a family, and varies by level of benefits provided.

- 8. Respondents CWA and Cecchini have sold CWA memberships to and collected fees from at least 46 members who are residents of the State of Utah.
- 9. Respondents CBM and Wessler provide third-party services to CWA by providing billing and eligibility, customer service, procession fulfillment kits/ID cards, and by processing payment of claims for members of CWA.

Having entered his Findings of Fact, the commissioner now enters the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. In providing limited specified dollar benefits to its members for hospitalization, surgical procedures and doctor visits, Respondents CWA and Cecchini are providing insurance as defined in Utah Code Annotated § 31A-1-301(82)(a) and 31A-1-301(74)(a), and constitutes a limited benefit plan under Utah Code Annotated § 31A-1-301(72)(iii)(B).
- 2. Membership fees collected by Respondent CWA constitute insurance premiums pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 31A-1-301(130).
- 3. In providing insurance to Utah residents without having a Utah certificate of authority to conduct an insurance business, Respondents CWA and Cecchini are providing unauthorized insurance in violation of Utah Code Annotated §§ 31A-1-104(1) and 31A-4-102(1),
- 4. In assisting in the marketing, placement and servicing of unauthorized insurance, Respondents Cecchini, CBM and Wessler are in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 31A-15-102.

5. Respondents' actions in marketing, placing and servicing of unauthorized insurance with residents of the State of Utah constitute an immediate and significant danger to the public welfare and such threat requires immediate action by the Insurance Commissioner, justifying the issuance of an order requiring Respondents to immediately Cease and Desist any insurance business in the State of Utah under Utah Code Annotated § 63-46b-20.

Having entered his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the commissioner now enters the following:

ORDER

- 1. Respondents and all their employees, officers, directors, agents, or by or through any person acting on their behalf shall immediately Cease and Desist doing any insurance business in the State of Utah, including soliciting, marketing, or proposing to make any insurance contract, taking receiving or forwarding any application for insurance, collecting or receiving, in full or in part, any insurance premium or fees, issuing or delivering any insurance policy or other evidence of an insurance contract, publishing or disseminating any advertisement or information for insurance, or representing or assisting any person to do an unauthorized insurance business or to procure insurance from an unauthorized insurer.
- 2. Respondents shall promptly pay any claims for benefits made by residents of the State of Utah that may reasonably be payable under the terms of the health plans sold by Respondents to said Utah residents incurred prior to the date of this Order.

NOTIFICATION

Respondents are hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject them to further penalties, including additional forfeitures of up to \$5,000.00 per violation, and the filing of an action to enforce this Order in the District Court which may impose penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §§ 31A-2-308(10) and 31A-15-102(5), any person who knowingly provides or assists in placing unauthorized insurance in the State of Utah is guilty of a felony.

Respondents are further notified that, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 31A-15-105, they are each liable to any insured under contracts issued by an unauthorized insurer for the full amount of a claim or loss payable under the contract.

DATED this ______, 2008.

D. KENT MICHIE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

MARK E. KLEINFIELD, OD

Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department

State Office Building, Room 3110

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I do hereby certify that on this date I mailed, by regular mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the attached:

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To the following:

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DATED this 2nd day of May, 2008.

Angie Thomas

Court Clerk

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